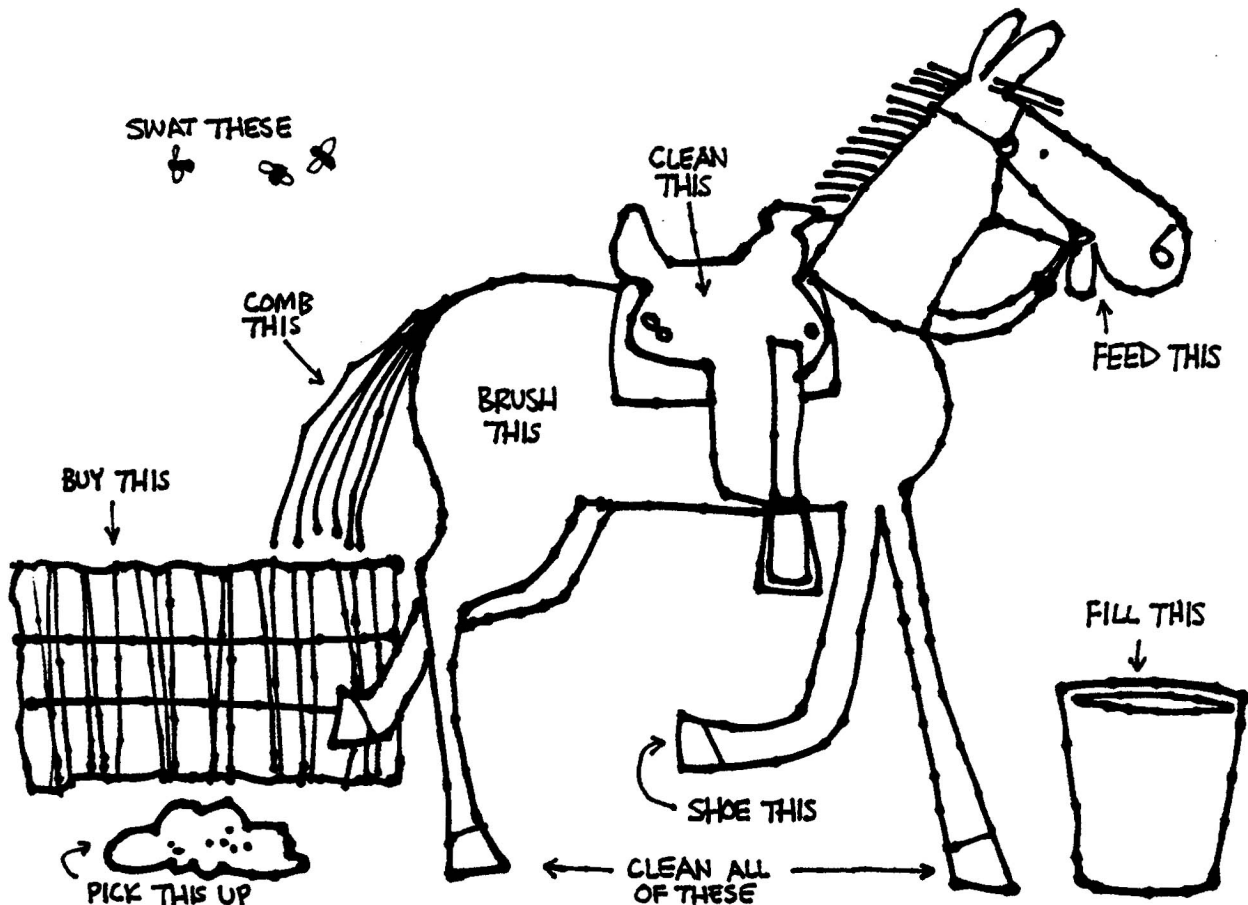


HORSE SENSE

OWNING A HORSE INVOLVES A LOT OF MONEY, TIME, AND RESPONSIBILITY. MANY CASES OF HORSE NEGLECT AND ABUSE ARE THE RESULT OF PEOPLE BUYING HORSES WITHOUT REALIZING WHAT THEY ARE GETTING INTO.



FOR EVERY HOUR YOU SPEND ON THE HORSE, YOU WILL NEED TO SPEND TWO OR THREE HOURS ON THE GROUND - CLEANING, GROOMING, AND FEEDING.

A HORSE CAN EAT THREE TONS OF HAY A YEAR. VET CARE INCLUDES SHOTS AND WORMING. HOOFES SHOULD BE TRIMMED OR SHOD EVERY SIX WEEKS.

NECESSARY EQUIPMENT INCLUDES A SADDLE, BRIDLE, HALTER, BLANKETS, ROPES, SHOVEL, PITCHFORK, AND GROOMING TOOLS.

KEEPING A HORSE USUALLY COSTS OVER \$1500 A YEAR.

BEFORE BUYING A HORSE, LEARN ABOUT THEIR CARE AND CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE LONG-TERM COMMITMENT OF TIME AND MONEY.



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